

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 28, 1842.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. PHELPS submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Colonel Richard K. Mead, deceased, praying the allowance of commutation pay, report :

Colonel Mead was early in the revolutionary war a captain in the Virginia line, and as early as 1777 was made aid-de-camp to the commander-in-chief, in which capacity he served until August, 1780. There is no satisfactory proof that he served in the regular service after that period. As an aid or staff officer he was not entitled to commutation. And what is equally conclusive is the fact, that having become a supernumerary or retired officer previous to October, 1780, when the half-pay was granted, he could not, even if an officer of the line, have been entitled to that half-pay, which was never allowed to officers not in active service as late as October, 1780. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

Thomas Allen, print.

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